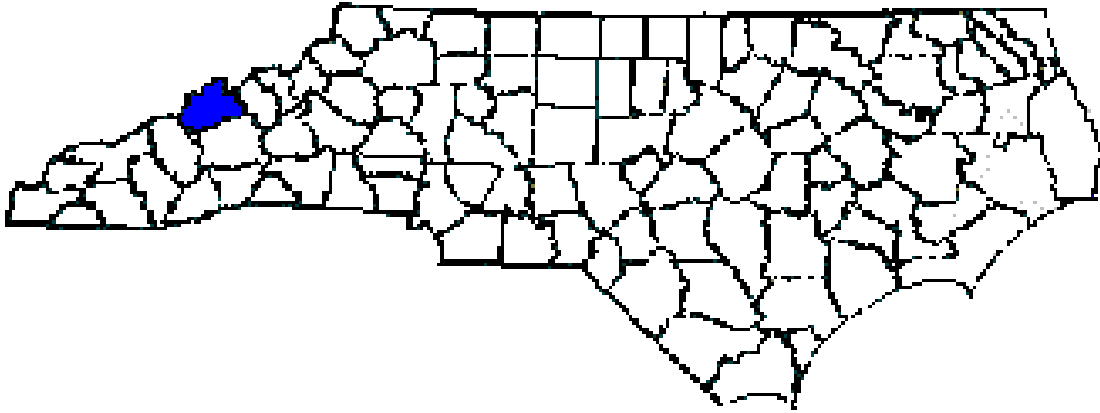
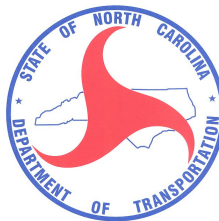


# ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2011



**UT to Middle Fork Creek Site C Mitigation Site  
Madison County  
TIP No. R-2518A**



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## **SUMMARY**

The following report summarizes the stream monitoring activities that have occurred during the Year 2011 at the UT to Middle Fork Creek Site C Mitigation Site in Madison County. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) completed this project in December 2008 and water was turned in May 2009. This report provides the monitoring results for the second formal year of monitoring (Year 2011). The Year 2011 monitoring period was the second of five scheduled years of monitoring on the UT to Middle Fork Creek Site C Mitigation Site (See Success Criteria Section 2.1).

Based on the overall conclusions of monitoring at the UT to Middle Fork Creek Site C, it has met the required monitoring protocols for the second formal year of monitoring. The channel throughout the stream restoration site is stable at this time. The streambank and buffer area have not been planted for the second year of monitoring. NCDOT plans on planting the streambank and buffer area by April 2012. NCDOT will monitor the planted vegetation once it is established. NCDOT will continue stream monitoring at the UT to Middle Fork Creek Site C Mitigation Site for 2012.

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Project Description**

The following report summarizes the stream monitoring activities that have occurred during the Year 2011 at the UT to Middle Fork Creek Site C Mitigation Site. Site C is located on US 19 in Madison County at Sta. 27+40 Rt. -L- (Figure 1). The UT to Middle Fork Creek Site C was constructed to provide mitigation for stream impacts associated with Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) number R-2518A in Madison County.

The mitigation site provided approximately 259 linear feet of stream restoration. Construction was completed during December 2008 and water was turned in May 2009 by the NCDOT. Stream restoration involved back-filling the existing channel, excavation of a new floodplain and channel, installing several in-stream cross vane structures and planting the riparian buffer zone.

### **1.2 Purpose**

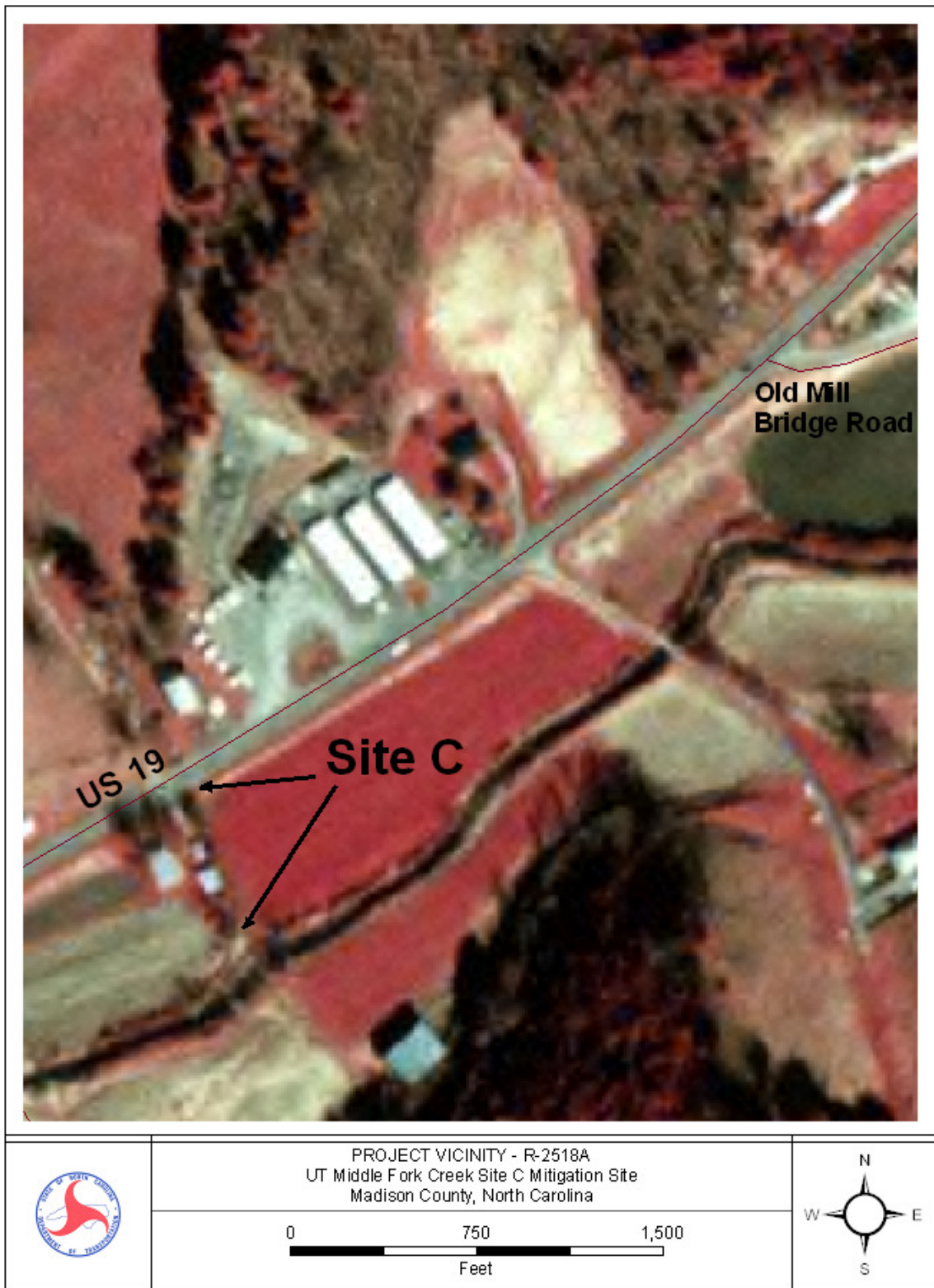
In order for a mitigation site to be considered successful, the site must meet the success criteria. This report details the monitoring in 2011 at the UT to Middle Fork Creek Site C Mitigation Site. Hydrologic monitoring was not required for this site.

### **1.3 Project History**

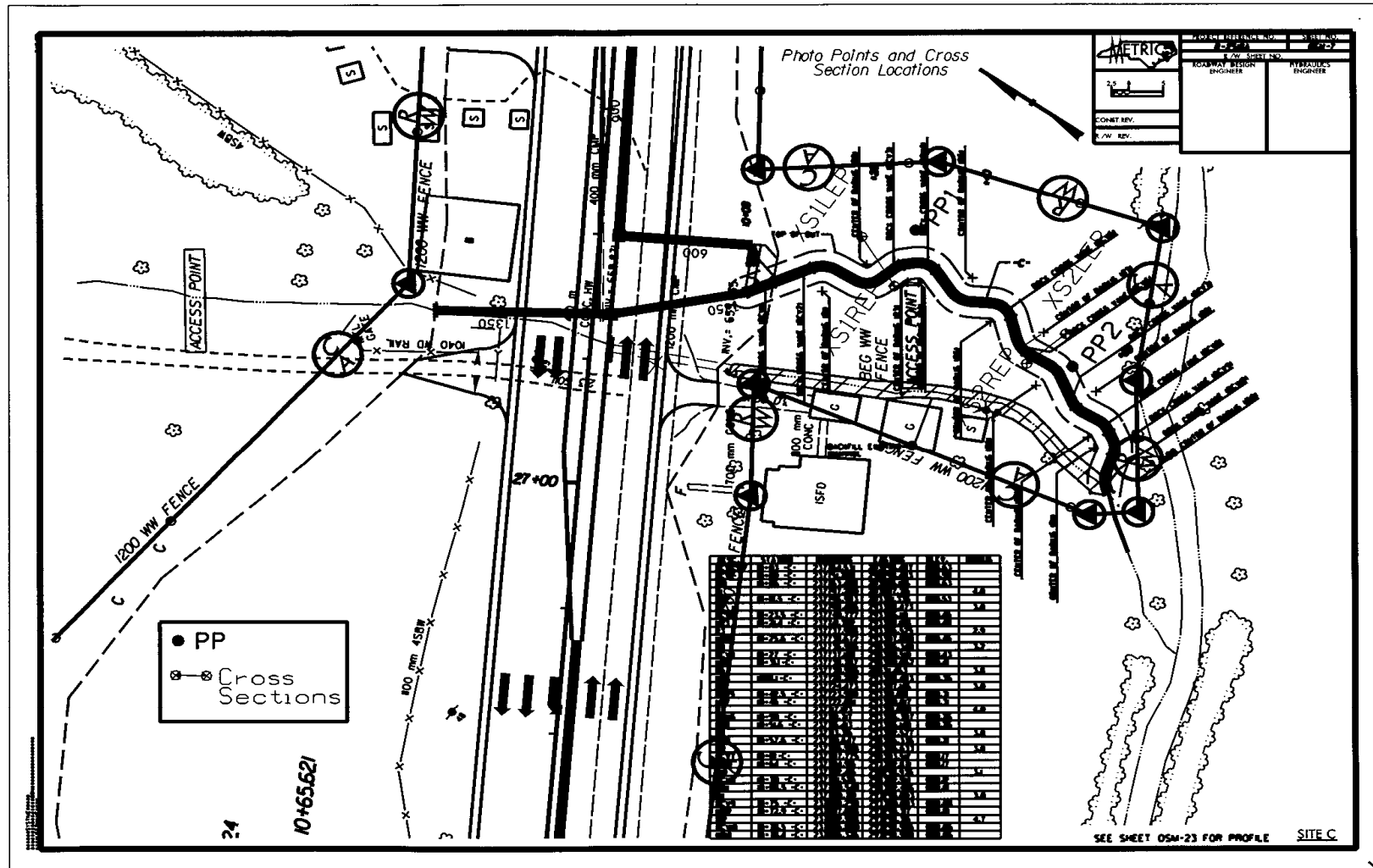
December 2008	Construction Completed
May 2009	Water Turned Into Stream
October 2009	As-Built Survey Completed
November 2010	Stream Channel Monitoring (Year 1)
November 2011	Stream Channel Monitoring (Year 2)

### **1.4 Debit Ledger**

The entire UT to Middle Fork Creek Site C stream mitigation site was used for the R-2518A project to compensate for unavoidable stream impacts.



**Figure 1. Vicinity Map**



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Figure 2. Site C Map

## **2.0 STREAM ASSESSMENT**

### **2.1 Success Criteria**

The permittee shall monitor the restoration and enhancement mitigation sites following the Level 1 protocols outlined in the "Stream Mitigation Guidelines," dated April 2003 with the following exceptions:

1. Pebble counts shall not be conducted.
2. Two cross sections shall be conducted for streams less than 500 linear feet and five (5) cross sections shall be conducted for streams greater than 500 linear feet.
3. Riparian success shall be by visual inspection of plant survival. Photos will be taken and comments noted on plant survival.

The permittee shall monitor the preservation sites by visual inspection. Photos will be taken and comments noted on plant survival. The monitoring shall be conducted annually for a minimum of five (5) years after final planting. The monitoring results shall be submitted to DWQ in a final report within sixty (60) days after completing monitoring. After 5 years the NCDOT shall contact the DWQ to schedule a site visit to "close out" the mitigation site.

### **2.2 Stream Description**

#### ***2.2.1 Post-Construction Conditions***

The restoration of the UT to Middle Fork Creek Site C Mitigation Site involved back-filling the existing channel, excavation of a new floodplain and channel, installing several in-stream cross vane structures and planting the riparian buffer zone.

#### ***2.2.2 Monitoring Conditions***

The objective of the UT to Middle Fork Creek Site C stream restoration was to restore a B4c stream as identified in Rosgen's Applied River Morphology. A total of two cross sections (one in a riffle and one in a pool) were surveyed. For this report, only cross sections containing riffles were used in the comparison of channel morphology presented below in Table 1 (Site C).

**Table 1. Abbreviated Morphological Summary (UT to Middle Fork Creek Site C)**

Variable	Proposed	Cross- Section #1 (Riffle)	Cross- Section #1 (Riffle)	Cross- Section #1 (Riffle)	Cross- Section #1 (Riffle)	Cross- Section #1 (Riffle)
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Drainage Area (mi <sup>2</sup> )	0.08	0.08	0.08			
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	1.86	2.07	1.96			
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft.)	0.47 – 0.59	0.52	0.63			
Width of the Floodprone Area (ft.)	8	10.01	11.05			
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft.)	0.39	0.3	0.28			
Width/Depth Ratio	12	22.87	24.93			
Entrenchment Ratio	1.7	1.46	1.58			
Bankfull Width (ft.)	4.7	6.86	6.98			

\* Riffle values are used for classification purposes, pool values are shown in Appendix A.

## 2.3 Results of the Stream Assessment

### 2.3.1 Site Data

The assessment included the survey of two cross sections and the longitudinal profile of the UT to Middle Fork Creek Site C established by NCDOT after construction. The length of the profile along the UT to Middle Fork Creek Site C was approximately 253 linear feet. Two cross sections were established during the as-built monitoring year. Cross section locations were subsequently based on the stationing of the longitudinal profile and are presented below. The location of the cross sections and longitudinal profile are shown in Appendix A.

UT to Middle Fork Creek Site C Cross-Sections:

- ◆ Cross-Section #1: UT to Middle Fork Creek Site C, Station 70+00, midpoint of riffle
- ◆ Cross-Section #2: UT to Middle Fork Creek Site C, Station 183+00, midpoint of pool

Based on comparisons of the As-Built to the monitoring data, all of the cross sections appear stable with little or no active bank erosion. Graphs of the cross sections are presented in Appendix A. Future survey data will vary depending on actual location of rod placement and alignment; however, this information should remain similar in appearance. The longitudinal profile showed that the channel was stable for the 2011 monitoring evaluation. Pebble counts were not required per the permit conditions and therefore were not completed.



### **3.0 VEGETATION: UT to MIDDLE FORK CREEK SITE C**

#### **3.1 Description of Species**

The following tree species were planted on the streambank:

*Salix nigra*, Black Willow

*Cornus amomum*, Silky Dogwood

The following tree species were planted in the buffer area:

*Liriodendron tulipifera*, Yellow Poplar

*Platanus occidentalis*, Sycamore

*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*, Green Ash

*Quercus alba*, White Oak

#### **3.2 Results of Vegetation Monitoring**

**Streambank & Buffer Vegetation:** Reforestation has not been completed as of the Year 2 monitoring evaluation.

#### **3.3 Conclusions**

NCDOT plans on planting the streambank and buffer area by April 2012. NCDOT will monitor the planted vegetation once it is established.

### **4.0 OVERALL CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

The UT to Middle Fork Creek Site C Mitigation Site has met the required monitoring protocols for the second formal year of monitoring. The channel throughout the stream restoration site is stable at this time. NCDOT plans on planting the streambank and buffer area by April 2012. NCDOT will monitor the planted vegetation once it is established. NCDOT will continue monitoring the UT to Middle Fork Creek Site C Mitigation Site in 2012.

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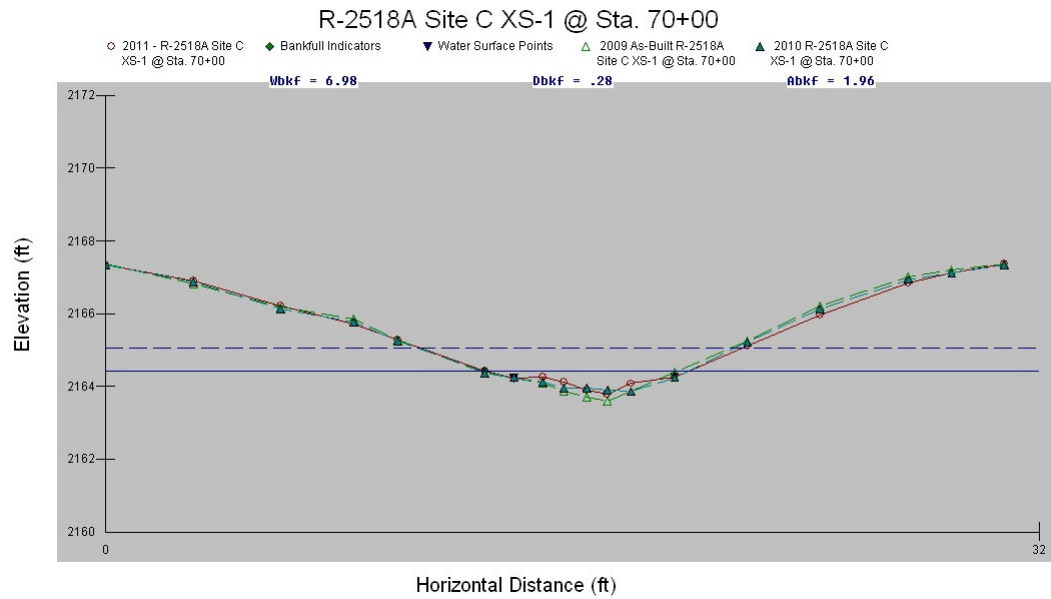
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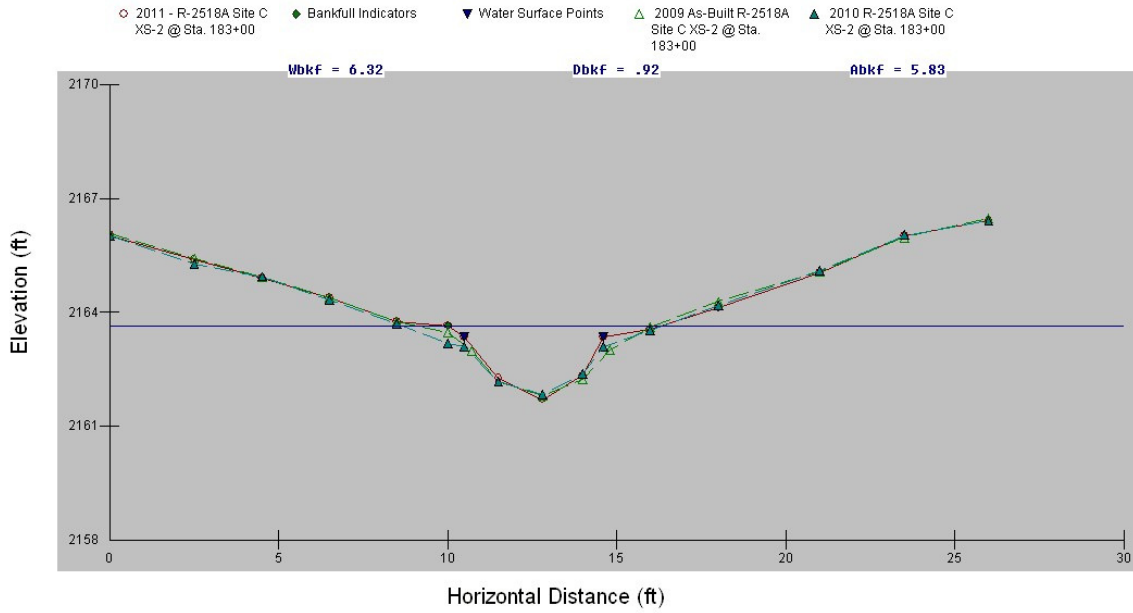
**APPENDIX A**

**CROSS SECTIONS AND LONGITUDINAL PROFILE**



Site C: Cross-Section #1 (Riffle) Abbreviated Morphological Summary					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	2.07	1.96			
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft.)	0.52	0.63			
Width of the Floodprone Area (ft.)	10.01	11.05			
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft.)	0.3	0.28			
Width/Depth Ratio	22.87	24.93			
Entrenchment Ratio	1.46	1.58			
Bankfull Width (ft.)	6.86	6.98			

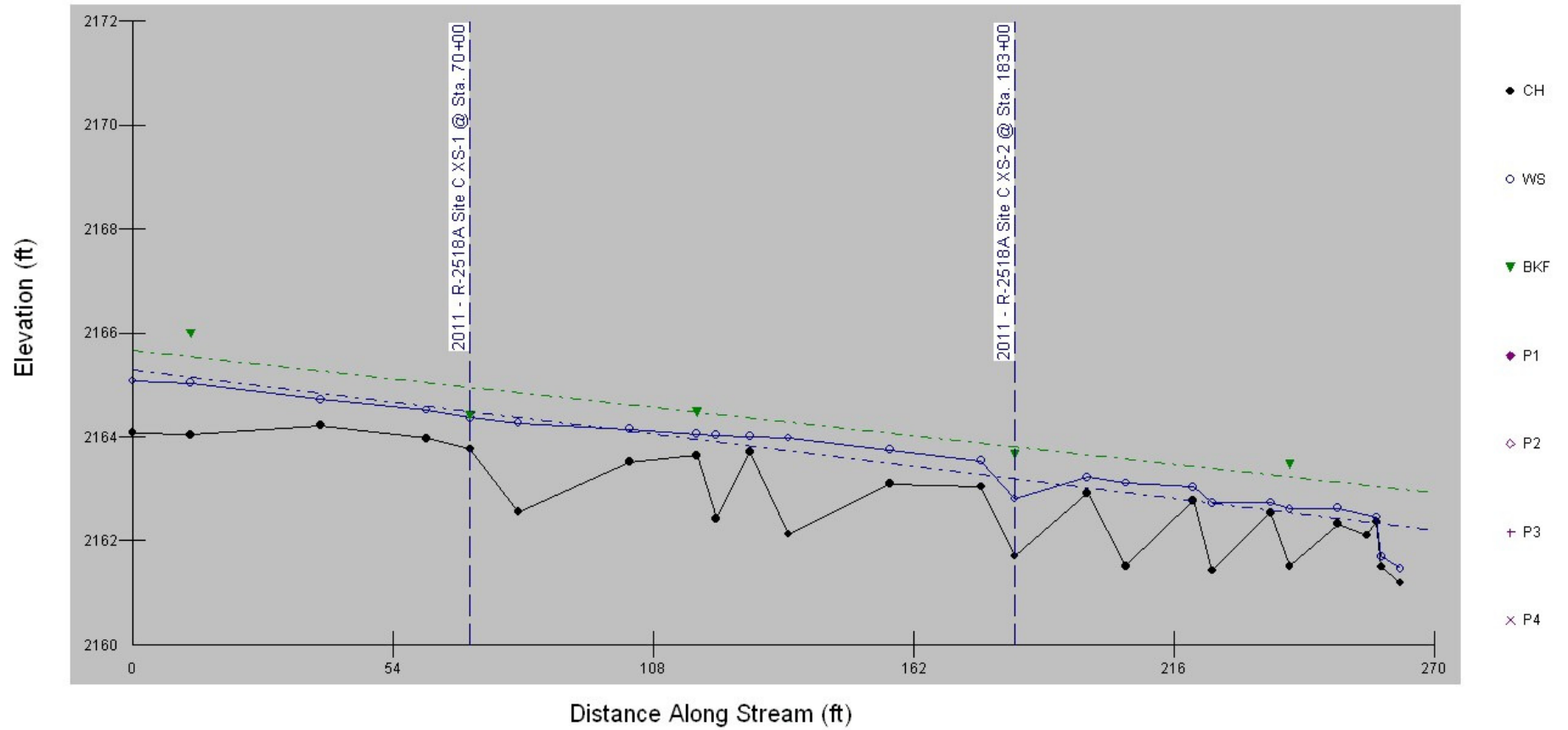
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Site C: Cross-Section #2 (Pool) Abbreviated Morphological Summary					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	3.62	5.83			
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft.)	1.34	1.95			
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft.)	0.75	0.92			
Bankfull Width (ft.)	4.84	6.32			

\*According to the Rosgen Classification of Natural Rivers floodprone width, entrenchment ratio, and width depth ratio are not measured in pool, glide, or run features.

# 2011 R-2518A Site C Profile



**APPENDIX B**  
**SITE PHOTOGRAPHS**



# UT to Middle Fork Creek Site C



Photo Point #1 (Upstream)



Photo Point #1 (Downstream)



Photo Point #2 (Upstream)



Photo Point #2 (Downstream)

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